



**SECRETARY OF STATE
STATE OF GEORGIA**

ORDER GRANTING RELIEF FROM FILING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The current outbreak of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) was first reported on December 31, 2019 in Wuhan, China. The disease has led to disruptions to everyday life including the imposition of quarantines around the world, which may limit registrants' access to facilities, personnel, and third party service providers. The Secretary of State ("Secretary") recognizes that, in these circumstances, COVID-19 poses potential challenges to registrants in meeting certain filing requirements under the Georgia Charitable Solicitations Act of 1988 ("Act") and rules promulgated thereunder.

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. §§ 43-17-1 *et seq.*, the Secretary may require that a registration statement be in whole or in part an electronic filing and may waive or extend the time period for the furnishing of any information required by the Act and may require such additional information as to the previous history, records, or association of the applicant, general partners, limited partners, directors, affiliates, or executive officers or members in the case of a limited liability company as he or she may deem necessary to establish whether or not the applicant should be registered as a charitable organization under this chapter. To ease the burden on registrants, the Secretary finds that the following Order is in the public interest.

Accordingly, it is ORDERED, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 43-17-1, *et seq.* of the Act:

I. TIME PERIOD FOR THE RELIEF

The relief specified in this Order is limited to filing or delivery obligations, as applicable, for which the original due date was on or is after March 1, 2020 but on or prior to April 30, 2020. The Secretary intends to continue to monitor the current situation. The time period for any or all of the relief may, if necessary, be extended with any additional conditions that are deemed appropriate, and the Secretary may issue other relief as necessary or appropriate.

II. FINANCIAL STATEMENT FILING REQUIREMENTS FOR REGISTRANTS

The disruptions resulting from COVID-19 that are mentioned above could hamper the efforts of registrants to timely meet their financial statement filing requirement..

For the time period specified in Section I, a registrant is relieved from the requirements under O.C.G.A. §§ 43-17-5(b)(4) and 43-17-5(b)(9) of the Act to file financial statements with the Secretary as part of an application to register a charitable organization or renew a registration for a charitable organization with the Secretary where the conditions below are satisfied.

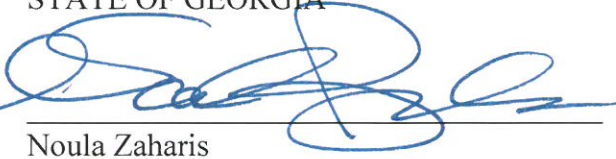
Conditions:

- (a) The registrant is unable to meet a filing deadline or delivery requirement due to circumstances related to current or potential effects of COVID-19;
- (b) The registrant relying on this Order with respect to the requirement to file financial statements with the Secretary promptly provides the Secretary via email at charities@sos.ga.gov the following information:
 - (1) That it is relying on this Order;
 - (2) A brief description of the reasons why it could not file financial statements on a timely basis; and
 - (3) The estimated date by which it expects to financial statements.
- (c) The registrant files financial statements required by O.C.G.A. §§ 43-17-5(b)(4) and 43-17-5(b)(9) of the Act as soon as practicable, but not later than June 30, 2020.

This Order shall be effective as of March 17, 2020 or until modified, vacated, or superseded.

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